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## CASE INS 081189

At the request of Pax Christi International, member of our network, we ask you to intervene on behalf of the following situation in East Timor.

**Brief description of the situation:**
At the end of the mass celebrated on **Thursday 12 October 1989** by Jean-Paul II in Dili, capital of East Timor, the Indonesian security forces violently repressed a **peaceful demonstration of 20 to 25 young Timorese** who were shouting slogans in support of independance and the Fretilin Front. The demonstration was rapidly brought under control and the young people were severely beaten. According to eye-witnesses, some of them are thought to have died.

Since the Pope and all the foreign guests left Timor soon after the mass, **the country is once again in almost total isolation from the rest of the world.** The first news that we have received since 14 October describes an unprecedented wave of arrests in East Timor. The Indonesian occupation forces have unleashed brutal reprisals on the local population. A large number of people arrested have been tortured by the Indonesian military.

**Action requested:**
Please write to the Indonesian authorities, asking them to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of all the Timorese citizens and to take all the necessary measures to put an end to the ill-treatment and the torture carried out by the security forces.
Demand that they publish a list of people arrested and who have died.
Insist that they open an enquiry in order to find and punish those responsible for these human rights violations.
**Call on the authorities in your country, the Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Special Rapporteur on Summary and Arbitrary Executions, the Representatives of Portugal in your country, and His Holiness Pope John-Paul II** to intervene with the Indonesian authorities in order to put a stop to such exations, and to guarantee fundamental rights and freedoms in East Timor.

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Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kementerian Luar Negeri, Jalan Tamam Pejambon 6, Jakarta Tlx 44205
Mr. P. Kooijmans, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Prinsenweg III, Wassenaar, Netherlands.
Mr. A. Wako, UN Special Rapporteur on Summary and Arbitrary Executions, Palais des Nations, 1211 Genêve 10, Switzerland.
His Holiness Pope Jean-Paul II, Vatican City.

Eric Sottas
8 November 1989

Please inform us of any action undertaken.